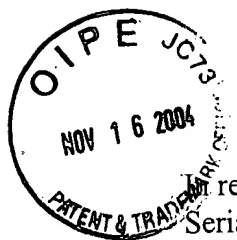


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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 8, 2004. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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